

REMARKS

In the interest of furthering prosecution claims 1-6 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to place them in a format more customary to US patent practice. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

Attached herewith are copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 1 May 2005. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the form 1449 indicating that the references have been considered.

In addition, filed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and form 1449 that cites references cited in the specification. Copies of references are attached. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the supplemental form 1449 indicating that the references have been considered.

Rejections under 35 USC 101 and 112

The amendments to the claims render the rejections under 35 USC 101 and 112 moot. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections under 35 USC 101 and 112 be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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